

## **STELLA J. ADAMS**

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### ■ **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **North Carolina Fair Housing Center**

P.O. Box 28958 Raleigh, N. C. 27611

##### ***Executive Director***

*4/95 to present*

Responsible for the administration of all programs and services provided by the Center.

Duties include staff development, fundraising, grants management, fair housing investigations, education and outreach activities and board development.

#### **Durham Soil and Water Conservation District**

721 Foster Street, Durham, N. C.

##### ***Chairman 1/91-12/96***

*12/88 to present*

Elected representative of the citizens of Durham County. Served three four-year terms on the Board of Supervisors. Responsible for the natural resources of Durham County, environmental education, water quality assurance and land use planning for the agricultural community.

#### **Durham Human Relations Department**

101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, N. C. 27701

##### ***Compliance Specialist***

*5/89 to 4/95*

Responsible for the investigation, mediation and conciliation of complaints alleging discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodation. Serve as senior specialist in the area of fair housing. Conducted research and provided training on Civil Rights issues including sexual harassment, discrimination in housing, and the expanded rights of the disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### **14th Judicial District**

201 E. Main Street Durham, N. C. 27701

##### ***Arbitration Coordinator***

*1/87 to 3/89*

Responsible for the coordination and implementation of the court-ordered arbitration program. Developed the Durham Association of Realtors Dispute Resolution Program, which was later adopted by the State Association. Duties included screening cases, scheduling cases, recruitment and training of a qualified panel of arbitrators, data collection and statistical analysis of program effectiveness. Responsible for a 57% reduction in case disposition time.

### ■ **TRAINING**

1990 to present

U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

	<i>Fair Housing Investigator (40 hrs)</i> <i>Fair Lending Investigations (12 hrs)</i> <i>Fair Housing Planning (24hrs)</i>
1990 to present	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission <i>Sexual Harassment (6 hrs)</i> <i>EEO investigations (40 hrs)</i>
1989 to present	National Association of Human Rights Workers <i>Multicultural Diversity (6hrs)</i> <i>Conflict Resolution (6hrs)</i> <i>Sexual Harassment (6hrs)</i>
1987 to present	American Arbitration Association <i>Arbitrator - Commercial panel (hrs)</i>
1985	Better Business Bureau of Eastern North Carolina <i>Arbitrator - consumer panel (12 hrs)</i>
1983 to present	Dispute Settlement Center of Durham, Inc. <i>Community mediation (40 hrs)</i> <i>Divorce Mediation (40 hrs)</i> <i>Facilitation (20 hrs)</i>

■ **EDUCATION**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

1977-82

Major: African-American Studies/History; course work incomplete.

**Hillside High School**

Durham, N. C.

*Honors graduate 1977*

■ **CIVIC EXPERIENCES**

- NC Fair Housing Summit - *Summit Coordinator* ■ Community Reinvestment Association of NC - *Director*
- NC Chapter of NAHRW - *Director* ■ NAHRW - *Director* ■ Durham Soil and Water Conservation District - *Board Chairman* ■ Area IV NCASWCD - *Area Chairman 1994* ■ Upper Neuse Watershed Association - *Delegate* ■ Durham Dispute Settlement Center - *Board Chair 1985-88* ■ NC Mediation Network - *Board member 1985-89, Treasurer 1987-89* ■ Leadership Triangle '93 - *Fellow, Director 1996* ■ Leadership Triangle Alumni Association - *Member* ■ Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People ■ NAACP, Durham Chapter

■ **HONORS**

1981, 1987 Outstanding Young Women in America

1986, 1995 Governor's Award for Volunteerism

1992 Delegate, Democratic National Convention

1995 Nominee for the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission (Area IV)

1995 Goodyear/NACD Conservation Awards Award of Merit

1996 Distinguished Women of North Carolina Nominee in the Government Category

| 1997 Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Award of Merit  
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